



German Virtual Learning

German 1

May 15, 2020



Lesson: May 15, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

I can give a specific date in German.



Bellwork: Write down your top 5 favorite holidays and the months where they occur. Write the months in German!

The first thing to know when writing the date in German, it's that the format is different. Let's look at today's date: May 15, 2020.

USA format → Month/Day/Year 05/15/2020

German format → Day/Month/Year 15/05/2020

To help you remember, think about it this way: German date format goes from changing the fastest to changing the slowest.

The next piece you need is the word “**am**”. You use this word to say “on the” date. Let’s use a popular holiday, Christmas [Weihnachten] as an example.

Weihnachten ist **am** 25. **Dezember**.

Christmas is **on the** 25**th** of December.

The last piece we can see here in the **yellow**. In german, it’s as easy as putting a “.” after the date.

So what does that little . mean anyway? How do we say that?

I'm glad you asked! Let's first talk about what it is-- It's what we call an ordinal number. We have them in English, too.

Examples

1st → First

2nd → Second

3rd → Third

You don't say you were "one"th but instead "first"

Same for second, we do not say "two"th.

The pattern continues! No "three"th place here.



That being said, you should know that in writing, you will almost always see the . after the date instead of a word form!

With that in mind, we need to learn how to “read” that dot.

In the next slide, I’ve attached a video that explains how to “build” the ordinal number.

Spoiler alert! Most of the time you just at “t” or “st” at the end of a number. There are a couple of exceptions, though, like “first” “second” and “third”

For this video, the first 5 minutes is more than enough. Feel free to finish it out, if you'd like.

Things to know:

When we use the word “**am**” :

The number always ends in “**ten**”
sometimes there is an “s”, which
she explains.

The image is a YouTube video thumbnail. At the top, there is a black bar with a white play button icon and the text 'GERMANTOGO' in black and red. Below this, a woman with blonde hair and glasses is smiling. To her right, the words 'ORDINAL NUMBERS' are written in large, bold, red capital letters. In the bottom right corner, there is a small calendar graphic with the number 15 highlighted in a red box.



Now that you are more familiar with how to “read” the . , we can move forward and practice.

Let’s put everything together by giving our birthday.

For example: My birthday is on January 19th.

Ich habe am 19. Januar Geburtstag.

Ich habe am neunzehnten Januar Geburtstag.

You try _____.



Let's practice a bit more. I'm going to give you a few dates-- try to write them out as words.

Marks Geburtstag ist am 16.5.

Lottes Geburtstag is am 7.11.

Theos Geburtstag ist am 21.2.

How did you do? No worries if you need more practice.

Marks Geburtstag ist am 16.5. → Mark hat am sechzehnten Mai Geburtstag.

Lottes Geburtstag ist am 7.11. → Lotte hat am siebten November Geburtstag.

Theos Geburtstag ist am 21.2. → Theo hat am einundzwanzigsten Februar Geburtstag.



Alright. Let's do that in reverse! I'm going to give you the words and you give the numbers!

Louise hat am zwölften Mai Geburtstag.

Matt hat am dritten März Geburtstag.

Jennifer hat am dreißigsten Januar Geburtstag.

How did you do?

Louise hat am **zwölften** **Mai** Geburtstag.

Louise hat am **12.5** Geburtstag.

Matt hat am **dritten** **März** Geburtstag.

Matt hat am **3.3** Geburtstag.

Jennifer hat am **dreißigsten** **Januar** Geburtstag.

Jennifer hat am **30.1** Geburtstag.



Homework:

Collect birthday's from around your house and then write them out in the German format. Try to write around 4 to 5. If you run out, make some up or use celebrities!

1 Example: Notice I write it two ways.

Mein Hund hat am 10.9 Geburtstag.

Mein Hund hat am zehnten September Geburtstag.

[My dog's birthday is on the 10th of September.]



Challenge! Follow along!

Bonus video! The speaker of [this video](#) breaks down every number of the month and goes so far as to list holidays that happen on each day of the month!

Feel free to watch the entire video if you'd like. I'd recommend listening to a few examples from the first 2 minutes and then skipping ahead in the video. Great video!